

## Gypsy Rose Mattingly May Not Defend Beauty Crown Won in Last Year's Show

### Hynson Calls Cast of 'One for the Money' To Complete Rehearsal at 8 Tonight in Gym

By MARSHALL JOHNSON

Despite the possible absence of Miss Gypsy Rose Mattingly, winner of last year's beauty contest, the "Faculty Frolics of 1940," one of the features of this year's varsity show, "One for the Money," will again present an amazing array of feminine talent this Friday night.

Miss Mattingly has not yet determined whether business will keep her from defending her crown, but Sonny Heartwell, producer of the show, still has high hopes that she will appear. However, last year's runner-up, the glamorous Miss Hildegard Hinton, who insists she was robbed, will be back and is expected to furnish tough opposition to the other fair ladies in the contest.

Two other hopeful candidates are the "Gold Dust Twins," Fruitful Twombly and Frightful Mathis. Other beauties of the faculty who will vie for contest honors include Misses Minerva Barnes, Betsy Sue Riegel, Tillie Tilson, Clarabelle (Riley) Smith, Fannie Flournoy, Maria Moger, Ruby Latture, Philomelia Paxton, Yehudi Hobbs, and Susan Smedley.

Several other glamour girls of the faculty haven't yet made up their minds because of the rush on the beauty show, but Heartwell hopes that they will still decide to enter the race for "Faculty Glamour Girl of 1940." These shy damsels include the Misses Millie Mohrhardt, Wanda Watkin, Blissful Bean, Hortense Helderman, and Mollie Moffatt.

The third rehearsal of the show will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium, and the dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday night. Commenting on the rehearsals, Director Frank Hynson said, "The last rehearsal was a big improvement over the first one and this one should be just as big an improvement over the last one."

Heartwell voiced the request that students not attend the rehearsals. Explaining why, he said, "The show is based in a great part on the element of surprise, and we don't want any details of the acts to leak out."

Plans for the parade to be held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon are complete, according to Heartwell and Grady Forgy, president of Phi Alpha Nu, co-sponsor of the show with Sigma Delta Chi. Forgy also said that much of the talent which will appear in the show will also appear in the parade.

The parade will be led by last year's champion drum majorette of the state of Texas. She will precede the Washington and Lee band, and cars will make up most of the rest of the parade, carrying the individual stars in the show.

Included in this pre-show extravaganza will be Syd Lewis, the Southern Collegians, the Glee club, Mike's almost-human animals, and some of the "Ten Beautiful Queens, Ten" from Southern Seminary.

Forgy once again urged that all students who are asked to donate their cars comply with the request. The parade is being used, he said, as a final drive to insure that everyone sees the show.

A skit by Dusty Miller has been accepted for the show, Hynson announced yesterday. As part of this skit, Sam Graham shows why we are lucky to be attending W&L during the present national emergency.

Al Cobb has worked out a terrific magic act. The thing is so baffling from all reports that Maestro Cobb himself hasn't even been able to figure the thing out yet.

Lillard "Baby Snooks" Ailor will put on an act which, according to Heartwell, will cause the inmates of the Old Blue to roll in the aisles at the sight of him. It should also prove funny to the rest of the students, he explained.

Heartwell urged that those who haven't already secured tickets to the show see the PAN representatives in their fraternity houses selling tickets. He also reminded the non-fraternity students that they can secure tickets by seeing Matt Griffith, that townspeople may secure them from Mrs. Cleveland Davis, and that Miss Ann Twombly has tickets for any high school students who may want to attend. Tickets will also be on sale at the door on the night of the show.

The varsity show, which is W&L's second extravaganza of its kind in the last two years will start at 8 o'clock Friday night in the gymnasium and the proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross and the Monogram club's sweater fund.

## Impresario



Frank Hynson, director of "One for the Money," plans for which are announced today.

## \$75 Contributed To Seal Drive By Nine Houses

### Drive to End Saturday; 1940 Goal Set at \$125

Half of Washington and Lee's eighteen fraternities have contributed a total of \$75 in this year's Tuberculosis Christmas seal drive. Mrs. Reid Rutzler, chairman of the fraternity campaign and Sigma Nu housemother, disclosed today.

Urging that all fraternities wishing to contribute do so before Saturday, when the drive will close, Mrs. Rutzler said this year's goal had been set at \$125.

Attempting to exceed contributions of \$113 from all but one of W&L's fraternity houses last year, Mrs. Rutzler expressed the hope "that donations from all fraternities might be obtained."

The Tuberculosis Christmas seal drive aids in spreading health education, finding early cases by use of the X-ray, giving sanatorium treatment, and providing for programs of protection in the schools, Mrs. Rutzler explained.

It was further disclosed that tuberculosis caused 1,639 deaths in Virginia alone last year, or one in every five hours.

Fraternities which have contributed thus far are Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Epsilon Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and Zeta Beta Tau.

## Lauck Presents Booklet In Memory of E. L. Stone

C. Harold Lauck, director of the Washington and Lee Journalism laboratory press, has completed his memorial to Edward L. Stone, "Virginia's best-known, if not her greatest printer."

Mr. Lauck explains that the booklet is "the fruition of a desire to do something to memorialize the name of Edward L. Stone, who in life was one of my most cherished friends."

Included in the commemorative work are: "A Tribute to the Printer"; the "Horoscope of Printing," a speech written by Mr. Stone which was read by Judge Samuel M. Wilson of Lexington, Kentucky, at the sesqui-centennial celebration of the introduction of the printing press to pioneer Kentucky; "An Appreciation" by Judge Wilson, who was a friend of Mr. Stone, as a companion piece to the "Horoscope"; and a sketch by John Cook Wylie, director of rare books of the Alderman library at the University of Virginia, concerning the housing of Mr. Stone's collection of fine books in the Alderman library.

## RMWC Girls Lead Open Forum

Four representatives of the YWCA cabinet of Randolph-Macon Woman's college last night led a discussion in the Student Union on the topic, "How We Can Preserve Christian Values During Time of War."

The girls who participated in the forum with about 40 W&L students were Bets Woodward, chairman, Hildegard von Boetticher, Kitty Black, and Eleanor Truitt.

Brought out during the discussion were the values that war can and does destroy, the role of women as well as men in the area of values, and the effects of war on the personal relationships between men and women.

These subjects were first presented by the Randolph-Macon girls and the meeting was then turned into an open discussion during which many points were advanced as to how war does destroy our values, whether boys and girls should marry before war or wait until later, and the effects of war on home life as well as on the soldiers.

The forum was sponsored by the council's deputation committee.

## Athletic Policy Fight Causes State Comment

### Virginia Papers Contain Quotations From Column

Dick Wright's sports column in last Tuesday's Ring-tum Phi calling for a revamping of W&L athletic policy and the ousting of Head Coach "Tex" Tilson, has been the subject of considerable comment on the sports and editorial pages of Virginia papers during the last week.

Cawthon Bowen, sports editor of the Roanoke Times, in his column last Saturday defended Tilson's record, reviewed the Generals' 1940 record, and concluded that "the Big Blue scored one upset (Richmond), lost in an upset (Seawane), and tied Maryland." "And considering all things, I don't see that as a poor record of coaching. In fact it's not bad at all," Bowen said.

Excerpts from Wright's column were published on the sports page of the Times the day before under the heading, "W&L Student Paper Blasts General Coaches."

Saturday's Roanoke Times also contained an editorial titled, "Wolves on Tilson's Trail," which stated that "we are glad to confirm the Ring-tum Phi writer's opinion that 'Tex Tilson is one of the finest men ever to graduate from Washington and Lee University.'"

"Mr. Tilson has always impressed us as a thorough gentleman and fine sportsman," the editorial concluded. "If Washington and Lee thinks it can do better as regards its football fortunes by replacing him with somebody who is 'rough and tough,' that is strictly Washington and Lee's business. Assuredly it is none of ours."

Under a streamer headline, "W&L Paper Attacks School's Present Athletic Policy," the Richmond News Leader last Friday stated that according to reliable sources in Lexington "Washington and Lee is contemplating resigning from the Southern Conference and affiliating with a group of smaller schools, and the student body is up in arms at the present athletic policy and are demanding that something be done to remedy matters."

The article went on to quote Wright's column, Sonny Heartwell's article, "Six Years in the Middle of the Road," and Ken Van de Water's article "Definite Plan Needed."

The report that W&L would resign from the Southern Conference and join the Dixie League was denied in Chaucey Durden's Richmond Times-Dispatch sports column Saturday morning and also in an Associated Press dispatch from Lexington which quoted Dr. Livingston Waddell Smith, member of the faculty committee on athletics. The AP dispatch appeared in The Washington Post, The Lynchburg News, as well as other papers in this section.

## PEP Host to 150 Guests At Tea Given Sunday

Approximately 150 students and guests attended a tea given by the Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity on Sunday from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. Most of the faculty, all house mothers, and all fraternity presidents were among those present.

The receiving line consisted of Miss Cabell Flournoy, house mother, Bertram Schewel, house president, Mrs. Ben Schewel, his mother, and Mrs. I. R. Schewel, the mother of another member of the fraternity. Mrs. Frank J. Gilliam, Mrs. G. D. Hancock, and Mrs. Fitzgerald Flournoy helped to serve, while Mrs. Lee and Mrs. McCaulley, housemothers of the Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities respectively, helped with the entertainment.

The Christmas motif was carried out for decorations with a tree and many other Christmas greens adorning the house.

## Bob Boyce Elected Head Of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Bob Boyce, senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, was chosen president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity at the chapter's winter elections last Wednesday night.

Ed Trice, senior from Glens Falls, N. Y., was named vice president, while Charles Bagley, senior lawyer from Fayetteville, Tenn., was elected house manager. Others chosen were John Goode, sophomore from San Antonio, Texas, secretary; Bob Coffield, senior from Cincinnati, sergeant-at-arms, and Joe Ellis, sophomore from Clarksville, Miss., corresponding secretary.

## Student Body to Be Divided Into Krewes for Fancy Dress

### Each Group to Be Costumed Accordingly; Men in Figure To Be Included in Division

### Alfaro to Open Lecture Series Here Tomorrow

#### Noted Diplomat to Speak At 11:15 in Lee Chapel

Ricardo Alfaro, noted diplomat and former president of the Republic of Panama, will open a two-day series of lectures here tomorrow morning when he talks on Pan-American Relations in Lee chapel at 11:15 o'clock.

Mr. Alfaro will speak to the Faculty Discussion club tomorrow night, and at 12:05 Thursday will lecture in Spanish to members of classes studying that language and to others interested. He will also talk at a meeting of the International Relations club Thursday night according to present plans.

At present a resident of Washington, D. C., Mr. Alfaro has been a prominent figure in Pan-American diplomatic circles. He was a member of the cabinet of Panama for several years, and in 1928 was elected vice-president of the Republic. Three years later he became president, serving in that office until 1932. He has represented Panama at numerous international conferences, and served as minister plenipotentiary to the United States from 1922 to 1930.

Mr. Alfaro has written several books, including "The Life of General Thomas Herrera," "On Divorce," and "A Commentary on Pan-American Problems," and numerous treatises on political and historical subjects. He is a member of the Royal Spanish Academy of Madrid and of many European and South American literary and historical societies.

### SDX to Entertain Short, McKeldin At Lunch Tomorrow

Carl B. Short, president of the Virginia Publishers association, and James R. McKeldin, secretary-treasurer of the organization, will be guests at a luncheon meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, at the Robert E. Lee hotel tomorrow afternoon.

The VPA officers will arrive in Lexington in time to talk to a class of journalism students at 9:10, and each will speak at the Sigma Delta Chi luncheon.

Mr. Short is general manager of the Roanoke Times-World News corporation and former president of the Public Utilities Association of Virginia, while Mr. McKeldin is a former member of the staff of the Richmond News Leader and of the faculty of the University of Virginia. The latter also served terms as national secretary of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and as field secretary for the United States Chamber of Commerce.

### 'Blues' Defeat 'Whites' In Rifle Team Match

Dr. Ross Ewing's "Blues" won the championship of the W&L Rifle club last Friday night on the VMI range, defeating the "Whites," coached by Dr. M. H. Stowe by the score of 1343 to 1333.

The high scorers of the Blue team were Blakely, 282; J. P. S. Smith, 278; Hempel, 269; Clark 257; Agnor, 257. The five highest scores of the White team were made by Henry, 286; Christian, 270; Stilwell, 261; Garten, 259; and Briggs, 257.

The members of the Blue team were awarded prizes and Henry, though a member of the losing team, received a cup for the high score of the match.

### Thigpen Issues Call For Collegian Material

Latham Thigpen, editor of the Southern Collegian, wants contributions from students, especially freshmen, to fill the Fancy Dress issue of 1941.

Short humorous prose and verse are especially desired by Thigpen.

### Collegian Picture

Latham Thigpen, editor of the Southern Collegian, announced that a picture of the staff of the magazine will be made tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p. m. in the Student Union. All members are urged to be on hand.

Merry monarchs—Charles II, Louis XIV, Henry VIII, and Lorenz the Magnificent—harlequins, jesters, pierrots, Pagliaccis, gauchos, Spaniards, pirates, Hawaiians, and a motley crew of others will rub elbows as the grind of exam week is forgotten in the madhouse of Fancy Dress.

Charles Chapman, president of the 35th annual Fancy Dress dance set, today announced an innovation in the costume set-up for the Fancy Dress Ball.

Not only those who walk in the figures, but the entire student body will be divided into 4 groups, titled krewes, and costumed accordingly. The krewes will be represented in the figure by men chosen from them to form the Royal Host and Hostesses of the court of King Rex and his queen.

The krewes will be given names well-known to the Mardi Gras of New Orleans. They will be: The Mystic Krewe of the Merry Monarchs, which will represent the lavish and ostentatious vesture of the courts of the period of Charles II, Louis XIV, Henry VIII,

and Lorenzo the Magnificent. The Mystic Krewe of Mirth, which will consist of students and dates in the guise of harlequins, jesters, pierrots, Pagliaccis, etc.

The Mystic Krewe of Osiris, which will lead a dash of the Oriental to the festivities. The Mystic Krewe of Romany, which will add a dash of the Oridark-lashed sons and daughters of Bohemia into Mardi Gras.

Chapman and his officers will form the reigning lords of King Rex's court, while the various krewes will take part in the figure through the medium of their representatives.

The first costume measurements will be taken next Wednesday and Thursday, according to Chapman and John Walter Showers, head of costume arrangements. Showers emphasized the necessity for students to get their dates' measurements in at that time in order to ease the rush which comes when the measurements are taken in January.

"Arrangement of the student body into definite groups is something new in the way of Fancy Dress costuming," Chapman said. "We are trying to make the costumes more in keeping with the theme and trying also to make the figure more representative of the student body through this medium," he continued.

Further figure announcements will come later, according to the set leader; and a definite announcement of the bands was promised within the next week, while negotiations are continuing with MCA and GAC.

The costumes will again be furnished by Van Horn & Son of Philadelphia, who have been handling Fancy Dress costumes for Washington and Lee for the past few years.

## Dick Wright Receives 'Tentative Offer' to Serve As Head Coach Of Football at VPI for \$9,000

Dick Wright, Ring-tum Phi sports columnist, today received a "tentative offer" of a five-year contract as head football coach at VPI at \$9000 a year.

The offer was made in a letter received today by Wright, who last week criticized the work of W&L's Tex Tilson in his column, "The Fifth Quarter." Typewritten on stationery of the Tech Department of Physical Education and Athletics, the letter carried only a typed signature, "The Virginia Tech Athletic Council."

"As you have doubtless read in the daily newspapers, Mr. Henry Redd, head football coach here for the past nine years, has recently resigned his position to devote full time to alumni work," the letter read. "Thus, the Virginia Tech Athletic Council is now entering upon the task of selecting a suitable successor to Mr. Redd."

"The council is, of course, going about this task deliberately. We are not in a position at this time to make anyone a definite and unqualified offer, for the Council wishes to canvass the field thoroughly and thereby make every effort to secure the best possible coach for the salary available for the purpose," the letter continued.

"The members of the Council, it may interest you to know, were genuinely impressed by your broad knowledge of football and by your remarkable and unerring grasp of the proper coaching methods as set forth in your recent article in the Ring-tum Phi. From your article it is very evident that you know much more about football and how to coach it than do Warren Tilson, Riley Smith and Jack Hennemier."

"In view of the fact that Coach Tilson has had some 15 years of experience following his brilliant career as a player; that Coach Smith was a great quarterback for

## Two Students Hurt in Crash, Are 'Improved'

### Barrows May Not Recover; Brooke to Be Well Soon

The condition of George Barrows, Washington and Lee student who was injured in an automobile accident Saturday night, was described today by Dr. Reid White, University physician, as improved, but his recovery is questionable.

Howard Brooke, also a student who was riding with Barrows, is suffering from a concussion of the brain and a fractured collar bone. His condition is satisfactory and his immediate recovery is expected.

The car, which was owned and driven by Barrows, was traveling towards the VMI mess hall, after turning from North Main street, when it struck a stone bulkhead, turned completely over and stopped facing down hill. The accident occurred at 11:45 Saturday night.

Barrows is the son of Mrs. William S. Barrows, and Brooke is the son of Col. and Mrs. George M. Brooke, retired. Both students and their families are from Lexington.

## Funeral Services Held for Hundley

Funeral services were held in Charlottesville this afternoon for Elijah Dupuy Hundley, IV, 20-year-old former W&L student, who died here early Sunday night after having shot himself while visiting in Lexington.

Hundley, a native of Charlottesville, attended school here in 1938 and 1939 and this year was working as a dispatcher in a Newport News shipyard. He was visiting in Lexington for the weekend. No reason was given for the suicide.

He died soon after being rushed to Jackson Memorial hospital by ambulance. Coroner E. P. Tompkins declared that the death occurred because of self-inflicted pistol wound.

## Johnson Visits Richmond

Professor R. T. Johnson of the W&L Law School is planning a trip to Richmond, Va., Tuesday, Dec. 10, to do his annual Christmas shopping.

## Pledge Burned Attempting To Move Flaming Kettle From SAE House Kitchen

Bill Forrester, member of the freshman class, was painfully burned on his right arm Friday afternoon when he attempted to extinguish a fire which started in the kitchen of the SAE house.

Jonathan Daniels, speaker at the ODK assembly and member of SAE, was being shown through the fraternity house by Forrester and Bob Mehorter. They noticed smoke filtering into the dining room from the kitchen and ran to the room where a huge boiler of grease on the stove was blazing. Mehorter started to remove the boiler to the back yard, but found it too heavy and placed it in a chair.

Forrester in attempting to pull the chair out of the room spilled the burning grease on his arm and hand. He was treated by Dr. Reid White.

The local fire department was called, and the fire was put out with hand sprays with little damage.

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## More Athletic Angles

Two letters this week.

One says "Get rid of Tilson and the whole problem is solved." It looks like the biggest error in this Tilson discussion, from any angle, is that it tends to over-simplify the matter. Conclusion jumpers who have not the time or the effort to get to the bottom of the matter fix the blame on the first object they can put their finger on—the coach.

Whether Tilson should stay on can be left for decision on the day after the more basic problems of policy are determined.

The other letter points to a number of small schools that have good football teams, and recommends a study of their subsidization technique which we should certainly do if we are to consider large-scale subsidization.

We should be careful, though, to make a shrewd estimate of the sacrifices those schools make to support their teams—the financial cost to the students, to the alumni; the effect on their scholastic rating and admission standards; whether they are diverting money from equipment or professorial budgets to support their teams; how they rank in other sports.

When we read the letter over, we did a little mathematics with a dictionary, too, and averaged the population of the cities in which the seven schools mentioned are located. The average was 190,000. That means a well-paying bunch of supporters for home games.

So, before we leap into subsidization just because Texas Christian does it, let's reconnoitre a little.

Commentators have been quick to assume

that because W&L registered disgust with the present set-up at the moment the Dixie League proposal was offered, we are bound to join that league, and abandon the Southern Conference.

That does not necessarily follow. As a matter of fact, it would be absurd to travel to Mississippi to play small schools when there is plenty of sporting game our own size in Virginia and North Carolina. Or we could schedule a few of the smaller Northern schools.

There's still a lot left unsaid on the subject.

## LETTERS: Athletic Policy

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi,

Dear Sir:

In your editorial column yesterday you advocated that W&L forsake its present "in the middle" policy and book games with schools of our own size and wealth. That is a very admirable plan but I think it is impractical. Such a move would cause W&L to drop right out of the "Big Six." A lot of attention has been called to the fact that we have played schools with student bodies that are four and five times larger than ours. When enrollment is mentioned immediately colleges like West Virginia, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, and George Washington are thought of. No mention of size is ever made when games in the "Big Six" are discussed. GW is the largest school we play. The next two largest are VPI and Virginia. Maryland has more students to draw from than Kentucky and Richmond is larger than Vanderbilt. The fact that a college is big academically is not reflected in the kind of football team it has. Boston College, the champion team of the East, has only 400 more men than W&L.

I think that a subsidization set-up similar to the ones used by the various small colleges throughout the nation, that is, small colleges in enrollment, is the solution to our problem. Such schools as Santa Clara (550 men), Colgate (1000 men) Lafayette (950 men), Texas Christian (650 men), Franklin and Marshall (850 men) and St. Mary's (750 men) are all small colleges that have apparently supported good football teams with small enrollment. I'm not entirely for a schedule that would be made up of all the above mentioned teams (although it would be an impressive one) but rather I'm for an impartial and complete study of all subsidization plans. There is no need for W&L to play a "suicide schedule" but there is a definite need for a schedule that will have a good deal of interest for students of W&L. In our own Southern Conference Wake Forest manages to put out a good team yet the enrollment there is only 1000 men.

"Let's give football back to the boys." That sounds wonderful but do you really think we would be able to get a decent presentable team merely by having non-subsidized players? I think not. In the four committees that pass on the athletic policy of W&L there is ample means to carry on effectively such a study as I have mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. CHARLES, JR.

Editor of The Ring-tum Phi,

Dear Sir:

I read with considerable interest Dick Wright's column in the December 3rd Ring-tum Phi, and desire to congratulate him on his straightforward comments.

I think the invitation to join the conference of "small schools" shows exactly what the general public thinks of W&L's present football team. The responsibility for the failure to win rests directly with the present head coach. Maybe he can tell me why year after year W&L freshman football teams win 75 per cent of their games and when they ascend to the varsity, they lose 75 per cent of their games. Could it be that they are taught nothing and finally realize it is hopeless and give up? W&L loses no more men by ineligibility or failure to return to school than the other schools in the state. The other schools just have a more competent and efficient head coach and take inferior freshmen and make superior football players, while W&L's superior freshmen become inferior football players.

I think that it is time for some definite action to be taken to make W&L the power on the gridiron it formerly and justly was, as to delay action longer will be fatal. With the present head coach, it is impossible to get the alumni to contribute any substantial sums for scholarships as, if a good football player enrolls at W&L, he never improves and finally sinks into oblivion. Most good football players can easily be persuaded to come to W&L as the school and its traditions have a natural attraction which many other schools do not have to offer. A definite athletic policy must be determined. However, this can only be accomplished with a clean sweep of the present powers-that-be. As your columnist stated that three-quarters of the student body are in favor of a change, I can state that 90 per cent of the alumni that I have seen in the last several years are also in favor of a change. What more does Tex Tilson need to resign?

Yours very truly,

O. RAYMOND CUNDIFF, '32

Lynchburg, Va.  
December 6, 1940

## CAMPUS COMMENT

By Fran Russell

**SOCIETY DEPARTMENT:** Bill Gray, diminutive guard on the football team, is known to spend weekends up in Warrenton of the horse country fame. Bill has been seen commuting back and forth in a station wagon that he uses when making these sojourns into the country. The boys claim its some cute young thing but the "Station Wagon Kid" maintains it's horses.

**HEARTWELL DEPARTMENT:** If Sonny Heartwell wasn't a senior, we'd all agree that he's politicking. Not that the Deltar Melter and other columnists think that his picture is so ugly that it would frighten the readers Pete Barrow has worked so hard to obtain, but one freshman who took a quick look at the picture wondered what we had on Eddie Cantor....

**REVENGE DEPARTMENT:** Becky Gale of Hollins told a certain DU that she was unable to have a date with him one certain Saturday because a Sigma Chi had invited her to a party. The DU checked up and found the young lady had been fibbing, but waited his time to settle the score. Not having made enough time with the Sigma Chi, Becky sent the DU an invitation to the Hollins Prom. He blissfully ignored it. Saturday the telephone began to ring in the long distance calls, which kept up until evening with the unhappy Becky gnawing her nails at Hollins and the DU merrily celebrating the houseparties....

**CONCERNING THE LOVE-LORN:** Dick Brunn had a swell date for the party on Saturday night. The date had a good looking guy over Sunday evening. Get on the ball, Brunn.... Bill Webb, after having Mary Taylor up still can't decide between Sweet Briar and Hollins.... Don Cook had one of the best dates of the weekend and we don't blame him for taking such good care of her.... Johnny Preston is thinking seriously about the long trail.... Jett Shartz had to pick one of the five girls who were expecting to go to the Pi Phi House party.... Pete

Dunn says that the girls from Southern Sem are the best of all the local schools and that when he goes over there on Saturday night they always have a huge sign out saying, "Welcome, Pete!"... Johnny Bannon's date had a reason for keeping her fur coat so closely wrapped around her. We're not casting aspersions on the PiKAs, but really, fellows.... Seems like Joe Hellen is thinking of transferring to the Sem for the next two years.... Jack Campbell's ring looks swell on Anne Biggs; tough luck, Cookie.... Sigma Chi's own Chuck Jackson proved to be one of the most popular boys at the Hollins Prom, but he lost ten pounds doing it....

**PUNCH DEPARTMENT:**  
Pi Kappa Phi—\*  
Pi Kappa Alpha—\*  
Kappa Alpha—\*\*  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon—\*\*\*  
Phi Kappa Sigma—\*\*\*\*  
Alpha Tau Omega—\*\*\*\*\*  
Chateau Blue—\*\*\*\*\*  
exit Kadis!

**PATTER:** Steve Stevens is still still wondering about those four men he met at the ATO house.... Tea was poured by Jim Graff and Al Brock at the ATO hotel Friday evening.... Dick Cook is the boy who has the girls call him for late-dates.... Seems good to have the Pine Room open again in the Mayflower; let's keep it open.... What's the score on the Lamont-Rippard game?.... Rocky Bowers is making certain that everyone knows he's still alive.... Bobby Neal has the rejuvenated Flying Wombat back in town, but it's a horse of another color this time. The Texan got into a happy mood while the barber was shaving him and they had to take stitches to close that dimple. Girls will be girls but drawing pictures in lipstick on a brand new paint job is not nice.... Nick Graff says that he never jumps in parachutes because of the same reason John Alexander doesn't.... Vince Ignacio says it's easiest for him to roll into bed....

## ATHLETIC POLICY

Because Football Is Only An Adjunct  
Of Education, We Should Not Subsidize

By Robert Espy

So Dick Wright wrote a column that made some of the boys get hot under their collars.

From the approbation I have heard from many sources, I gather that there must have been something to what he said. And from the adverse criticism which followed the column it seems that there are at least two sides to the question. I am one of those who feel that the mere changing of coaches is not the panacea we seek for our deep-rooted affliction, so the cries of "Tilson, viva" and "Tilson, a bas" don't seem so important to me.

But for the moment, that is neither here nor there. What interests me most about the column is the response it is said to have evoked from one of our teaching staff. It has been reported that, referring to Wright and his column, he said:

"Since I have been here hands have been laid on a student only two times; three wouldn't hurt the batting average."

Or words to that effect. Now, that's bad. Certainly there is the suggestion of physical violence (this term should include the laying on of non-ecclesiastical hands) in the words of that professor, and, if it is true that he said them, he ought to be thoroughly ashamed of himself. Indeed, I cry him shame right now for expressing such a sentiment from his chair. That he should occasionally lose patience with students is understandable; that he should often disagree with them seems inevitable, for his wealth of experience and knowledge is supposed to reveal and explain to them their shortcomings; but that he should make such a suggestion in his official capacity is unpardonable.

Perhaps, while this controversy is rampant, one still, small voice will not be heard, but I should like to raise mine to maintain that athletics are an adjunct to education. Let anyone who does not own a dictionary consider that in this sense athletics are not an essential part of education. As much as anyone else, however, I consider athletics necessary to any well-rounded educational system, but only as an adjunct.

I should like to know how many of our students think otherwise. If there are those who actually believe that our primary purpose is athletic supremacy, then some of the words that have been flying about have some meaning, and there is nothing anomalous in their arguments. Most of us, though, seem to want to have our cake and eat it too. We chose W&L for what it is, and now we are considering a policy which may

change it profoundly. So I am opposed to wide-open subsidization and to any program designed to achieve for us a place among the athletic great at the expense of our general well-being.

To support this stand there are only the old, old arguments, but they have lost none of their pertinency nor their rationality. One fact is worth mentioning, though, and that is that our present football scheme has left a debt of several thousand dollars. Perhaps, say some, the alumni would contribute more if better results were in evidence. Perhaps they would, but a debt is a debt, and there is something unsound in basing its payment on the whims and vagaries of the alumni. And it is just possible that some of the old boys might be carried away by their zeal. "I sent So-and-so down there," one of them told me last Spring, "and those dumb coaches have kept him on the bench ever since."

It is gratifying to know that those coaches used that player as they thought best, regardless of the fact that thereby they might be offending a contributor to the athletic fund; it is a fine thing that football is the business of the coaching staff and not of some broker four hundred miles away; and it is possible that acknowledged dependence on the alumni might give some of them the idea that they could demand satisfaction on several individual questions.

So with the money may come woe. An easier solution may be to remove the need for so much money. Again I suggest that we have a team representative of the size and spirit of our school.

This does not mean playing Millsaps, although that institution has more to recommend it than its name, and it does not mean abandoning football altogether. It means games, inter-regional if necessary, with schools whose backgrounds are sufficiently comparable to ours to warrant the proudest student our playing them. It means having a team on which the high school stars who come here eager to play will have their chance—and the audition given an amateur among professionals is not a chance. It means refusing to lament because we lose to other schools such players as this Harvey Johnson, whose "grades weren't high enough—or something."

And all this is a layman's point of view. Through all this sound and fury that is upon us now there persists a concept of W&L as a school and not as a ball club whose financial demands must be met at all costs.

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## PREVIEWS AND REVIEWS

By Al Fleishman

Had a busy week last one—in fact, there were three better than average shows at the State.... One was even good—"Foreign Correspondent"....

In addition to a heck of a suspense story, we thought the little Latvian minister who did nothing but roll his eyes in a knowing manner was about the best thing in the show—we were scared to death in that plane crash scene.... Thought that Alfred Hitchcock did the finest directing job we've ever seen and turned out a show that was just about technically perfect.... Our only kick was the glorifying of the German spies—sorry, but we don't go for that.... Not that we think there's anything the matter with being fair—but we figure that foreign correspondent was a bit too fair.



Fleishman

Then Saturday brought "Too Many Girls" and lots of entertainment into the State to back up the house parties.... Eddie Bracken came through for the main share of credit for putting the picture over.... There wasn't too much otherwise to it, but it had plenty of entertainment for the wily showgoer.... Ann Miller was awfully disappointing—in fact, she was skinny.... Lucille Ball was nothing extra and Frances Langford was the most interesting lady.... Can't forget Talullah Lou (Libby Bennett) who provided a little lipstick interest for our amigo, Desi Arnez.... He's not a bad looking boy and looks like he'll go places if we can say anything about it.... Incidentally, the beanies had a meaning—and we're not saying.

Things at present find "Rhythm on the River" padding across the State screen.... Still has Wednesday to go.... The songs are fine, Bing Crosby is debonaire as usual, and Oscar Levant is a scream—nothing else to comment on.... Just a fair picture for a Monday show.... Story concerns

a ghost song-writer who decides to do a little song-writing on his own.... Crosby, the ghost-writer, meets Mary Martin, the ghost-writer (never saw a ghost with a figure like that) and after a little coincidence and some complication, everything comes to a glorious finale.... We like Lillian Cornell, the singing star of Basil Rathbone's ghost shows, as the newest, most interesting part of the flicker.... She's kinda lensful.

On Thursday, they're going to try to get away with "Rangers of Fortune" at the State.... We can't see how.... But it might not be too bad, if you've a mind set for movies.... It's another dyed-in-the-wool western show with a couple of modern twists.... Fred MacMurray is fair, but they ought to keep him in the smoothie roles. Gilbert Roland is fair, Patricia Morison is well reaching our bummette category, and Joseph Schildkraut is too good an actor to be wasting his time in this, but I guess he has to earn a living somehow.... That's all—you can't gain anything by staying away, but don't say we weren't a little leary.

**The Fifth Quarter . . .**

By Dick Wright

Those of you who have found this column rather offensive during the past issue or two should rejoice and thank Homer Jones for selling two pages of ads. This feat of advertising prowess forces this writer to hold the column to two and a half paragraphs, but we'll be back next issue with a scorcher.

Can't you just picture Cy Young up there on the stage "Homecomings" of 1945, boiling with his usual fiery pep talk which usually ends up with that never-to-be-forgotten adage, "Beat those Blank Sappers"? That's short for Millsaps.

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**Dobbins to Miss Lynchburg Game**

By RAY WHITAKER

With Captain Howard Dobbins certain to be on the sidelines because of the aggravation of an old knee injury, Washington and Lee's varsity basketball team will open its 1940-41 season tomorrow night in Loremus gymnasium when they oppose the Lynchburg college five. The game will get underway at 7:45.

It would be practically impossible to say for a number of reasons exactly what calibre of team will be representing Washington and Lee this year. In the first place, just how long Dobbins' knee injury will keep him out is unknown. The "Dobber," one of the greatest all-around courtmen in the history of the school, is easily the difference between a good season and a bad one. Secondly, Dick Pinck, who has been bothered by arthritis, may not be able to hit his top form for some time to come. Third, the necessary reliance by Coach Cunningham on five untried sophomores may not be as fortunate as their past records indicate. Hudson, Kirkpatrick, Ligon, Ellis, and Signaigo all showed a great deal of promise as freshmen last year, but whether they can meet the excessive demands of varsity competition is debatable.

One advantage the Generals will have this year will be height. The team will average well over six feet.

Dick Pinck, Bob Gary, and probably Ed Cuttino will be the only starters in tomorrow night's starting lineup with varsity experience. Gary, truly a great competitor and a fine basketball player, has been shifted to a guard position to replace last year's captain, Leo Reinartz. Cuttino, who has been out of school for a year, has shown a lot of poise in practice so far, and will more than likely team with Gary at guard.

The center slot will be occupied by sophomore Jeff Hudson, who compiled an enviable scoring record as a freshman. Dick Pinck will be at one of the forward posts, while the other one is a tossup between Dick Ellis and Leo Signaigo. In reserve will be Gassman at forward, Ligon and Kirkpatrick at guards, and Carlson at center. This lineup is entirely tentative, and is no more than a probability, because any of these men listed as not starting may be in there when the game begins.

**Track Candidates**

All candidates for the indoor track team, freshman and varsity, are requested to report to the gym at 4 p. m. Monday.

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**Graham to Captain Cross Country Team**

Sammy Graham, Washington and Lee's durable little cross countryman, was chosen by his teammates last week to guide the 1941 fortunes of the Big Blue harriers.

Graham is a sophomore from Far Rockaway, N. Y., and is enrolled in the Commerce school. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

After setting a freshman record for the local 3 mile course, which was only five seconds slower than the varsity record, Graham placed a commendable ninth in the frosh state meet, the only competition that the yearling hill-and-dalers entered into last year.

He was also elected honorary captain of the frosh at the culmination of the season.

Coming to the varsity in the 1940 campaign, Graham proved to be one of Coach Fletchers most consistent point gainers in the

**Hymers Paces Frosh Swimmers In Season's Initial Time Trials**

Washington and Lee's freshman swimmers, coached by Cy Twombly, held their initial time trials last week in preparation for their arduous schedule ahead.

Chuck Hymers, of Richmond, finished with the best times among the free-stylers, and gives promise of being one of the yearlings-main scorers this season. In the 50-yard dash he splashed through in 23.2, and came up with a flat 53 seconds in the 100-yard free-style. Bill Babcock and Lynch Christian were close runners-up to Hymers

in both events. Fred Bauer, George Frehling, and Frank Upchurch were other free-style aspirants who showed up well.

In the backstroke Bill McKelway and Bill Brown led all competition, with McKelway edging Brown by slight margins in both the 100 and 50-yard events, while Bob Mehorter sounded the only strong note in the breaststroke event, finishing well in advance of his opponents in the 50-yard stretch with a flat 32 seconds. At the present time, Bob DeHaven and Bill Mullen are the only first-year men to replace last

season's strong divers. Both freshmen showed particular skill in this event and appear to be the necessary rounding out of a tank team that will face some of the best competition in this section of the country.

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